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Applicant : Peer STAEHLER et al  
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Examiner : David C. Thomas

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL AND CONCURRENT REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 28, 2009, please consider the amendment and remarks contained on the following pages. Applicants submit that this response is being timely filed in July 28, 2009.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.